



## DELMARVA AGRICULTURE DATA WEEKLY BROILER CHICKS REPORT

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PLACEMENTS UP 1%

For the week ending September 14, 2002, growers placed 11.9 million broiler chicks in Delmarva growing houses, according to the Maryland Agricultural Statistics Service. These placements were 1.4% above the comparable week a year earlier. Broiler-type chicks hatched (11.9 million) increased 1.4% from the comparable week in 2001. Eggs set in incubators during the week totaled 13.4 million, an increase of 9.5% from the same week a year earlier. Federally inspected slaughter on Delmarva was 9.9 million for the week ending September 07, 2002 compared to 10.3 million slaughtered during the same week in 2001.

### BROILER-TYPE EGGS SET AND BROILER CHICKS PLACED ON DELMARVA

WEEK ENDING	EGGS SET 1/ 2001	2002	CHICKS HATCHED 1/ 2001	2002	CHICKS PLACED 2/ 2001	2002
----- THOUSANDS -----						
* 07/20/2002	<b>14,379</b>	14,573	<b>11,199</b>	11,243	<b>11,201</b>	11,243
* 07/27/2002	<b>14,183</b>	15,267	<b>11,771</b>	11,798	<b>11,774</b>	11,798
* 08/03/2002	<b>14,279</b>	14,703	<b>11,820</b>	11,760	<b>11,820</b>	11,760
* 08/10/2002	<b>14,184</b>	14,668	<b>11,726</b>	11,890	<b>11,778</b>	11,890
* 08/17/2002	<b>14,154</b>	14,589	<b>11,616</b>	11,970	<b>11,616</b>	11,970
* 08/24/2002	<b>14,391</b>	14,430	<b>11,685</b>	12,131	<b>11,687</b>	12,132
* 08/31/2002	<b>14,278</b>	14,572	<b>11,700</b>	12,071	<b>11,700</b>	12,071
* 09/07/2002	<b>13,810</b>	13,536	<b>11,528</b>	12,017	<b>11,530</b>	12,017
* 09/14/2002	<b>12,238</b>	13,400	<b>11,727</b>	11,894	<b>11,727</b>	11,894

1/ For all broiler-type chicks, including those intended for hatchery flocks.

2/ The difference between chicks hatched and placed includes chicks withdrawn for hatchery flocks, inshipments and outshipments. None of those numbers are published to avoid disclosure of proprietary information.

\* Revised.

NEGOTIATED PRICE FOR TRUCKLOT OF READY-TO-COOK, ICE-PACK,  
GRADE A FRYERS (\$ per CWT) 1/

	WEEK ENDING 09/21/2002	PREV. WEEK	PREV. MONTH	PREV. YEAR
New York Weighted Avg	51.08	49.30	47.30	57.87
12-City Composite 2/	56.69	56.41	55.51	61.97

1/ Source: U.S.D.A., Poultry Market News.